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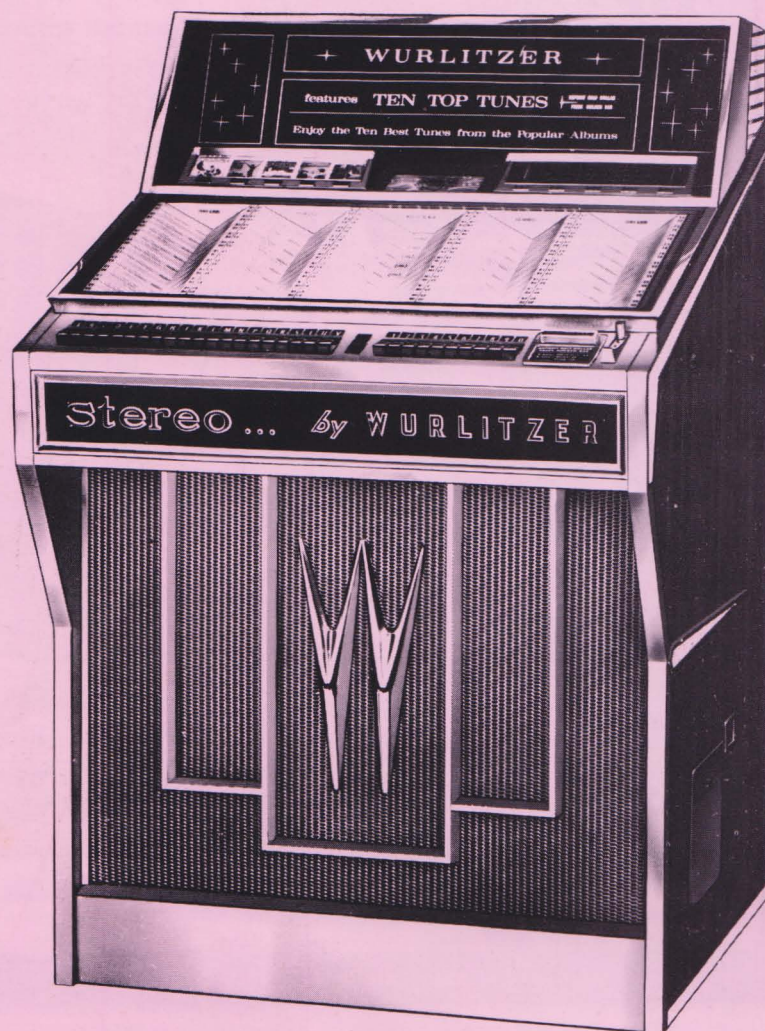
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# Combined Meeting Of Amusement And Coin Machine Operators Marks A Milestone!

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On May 10th, in the King Edward Hotel in Toronto, a meeting of the Amusement and Coin Machine Operators marked a milestone in the long battle for justice. Called by Don Gilboe, Secretary of the Southern Ontario Coin Machine Association, the meeting brought out about fifteen operators who could "spare the time" on this Mother's Day and almost as many members of the Ontario Music Operators Association, who appreciate the problems facing the Amusement Operators and who want to add strength to the push. Added to this were Supplies and Distributors representatives keenly interested and anxious to keep "in there pitching" with the boys.

After some comments about the evident lack of interest and sense of responsibility of some of the operators and members, the meeting got off to a good start under the capable guidance of Don Gilboe, the only member of the executive on hand. Don apologized for the absence of the president and vice-president of the Association and briefly outlined the situation facing the operators. He pointed out the importance of the meeting for those who planned, or hoped for some future for the industry. He mentioned four of the recent and important cases, two in Ontario, both successful. He said these cases would be dealt with in more detail later on in the meeting and went on to the general aspects of the meeting.

In his outline, Don mentioned that consideration had been given to the possibility of making this meeting one at which the election of officers might be made and the future action of the operators mapped out. However, he said that after full consideration of all the implications and ramifications, it was decided that a second meeting should be called for the election of officers, who could conduct the affairs of the Association successfully in the coming critical period. He said it had been expressed at the time, that the sincere hope was that the opera-



tors would act like businessmen and take the necessary action to bring the industry back onto its feet.

## Windsor Fight For Baseball Game Won

Going back to the Windsor Amusement Association's fight on the baseball game, he recalled it was the first baseball case in court. The Association collected \$2000. to fight the case, they were well prepared, the game had been on location about six months before it was picked up and all the important information and expert help, was at hand when needed. The case was won and baseball games accepted, as a legal pieces of amusement equipment.

Don then asked Lou Uryck to give some of the highlights of his London case. Don told how much the winning of this case in the Magistrate's Court could mean and how important it could be. He also pointed out that this and other successful cases pointed toward a Supreme Court case, which should settle the issue if not permanently at least for some time.

Cliffe Oldridge added to this that the operators would have to make sure that business was confined to baseball, five balls and whatever games were approved by any successful Supreme Court case. He cautioned all that Bingo games could only ruin the situation and if they ever appeared, would be picked up immediately. Rigid control by the operators would be necessary to assure the continued operation under whatever gains could be made.

## Copies Of Winning Cases Available

Don then advised the meeting that he had transcripts of the London case and that copies could be obtained from him. He then went on to discuss Section 170 of the Criminal Code and the efforts which had been made to get it changed. He said that while the Conservative Party was in power, the Association had been told that the law had been passed by the Liberal Government and that the Liberals would have to bring about any changes. (If they ever got the chance seemed to be the implication then) When the Liberal Party formed a minority Government the excuse was, that no changes were or could be advocated under the circumstances. The feeling being that, little chance for success could be held for any gambling bill, or any change in the gambling laws with the existing balance of power in the Government.

The Association executive knew that it could bring the matter before Parliament in the form of a private bill and they had the necessary support to make this possible. However, after looking into the matter of private bills and their

presentation and seeing how they were received and in many cases pushed aside and delayed indefinitely, it was agreed that this avenue offered no path to a successful change.

Don then went on to explain how the executive had gone to the Attorney General to see what might be done to assure justice and fair consideration under the law as it stood. They were assured that the police were only applying the law and that no specific instructions had been issued from his department to the police to enforce the law. He pointed out that when any complaint was made the police had to take action and that any machine picked up, required that the case be fought in the Courts. There was absolutely no indication that consideration would be or could be given, nor was there any implication of persecution. It was pointed out that every police officer had to do his job and as long as Section 170 stands as it is, it would have to be enforced.



Claude Plourde, President of Association des Operateurs de Machines d'Amusement du Quebec Inc. Lawrence Diner, B.A. LL. L who masterminds their successful campaign and Don Gilboe, secretary of the Southern Ontario Coin Machine Association.

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At this point George Nokes from Lindsay, asked what the general objection had been, or still was, to the pin ball games of skill. Don explained that it seemed to spring from the narrow outlook of some people and the opposition of others, just because they didn't like this form of amusement. He pointed out how in many instances it had been an easy out for local forces, who could always relieve pressure on some situations by creating action on the amusement front, where they knew constant opposition existed from minority groups.

Don Gilboe then called on Harry Ing to give some of the latest developments and news on his case. As Harry pointed out, this case was in the hands of his lawyers and little could be said at this time, which could help matters. He did warn the meeting that should this case be abandoned and not pushed through the Supreme Court, it would be the end of pin ball games of amuse-



ment in Ontario. The case had to go all the way and the operators would have to give him support, or they could close shop now, because the end would definitely be in sight.

## Quebec Association Had Success

Don Gilboe told the meeting that the executive had been in constant touch with the Quebec Association to find out how they were handling the situation and how they were achieving success. Visits to Montreal to get first hand knowledge and correspondence back and forth had proved very valuable. He said that the Quebec Association had offered to help in every way they could and that Claude Plourde the President had accompanied Mr. Lawrence Diner, their Counsel, to this meeting, to show their complete support and to offer any assistance he could on behalf of their Association.

The Vice-President, was to have accompanied them, but at the last moment had to give up the trip because of illness. Don then introduced Mr. Diner and asked him to tell those present of the work done and the success gained in the Quebec coin operated amusement business.

Mr. Diner told how in Quebec, the Association had just about folded up. Under the Duplessis regime, the situation had been quite grim. Many of the operators had worked as best they could under individual protection systems, paying out of meagre profits for protection to operate. All of this changed when the Liberal Government got back into power. Conditions were cleaned up. Many cases were fought in court and won. The Quebec area was first cleaned up and then the Montreal area was tackled.

In Montreal a test case, on which many other cases hinged was arranged. The case was heard before judge Fontaine and won. This opened up the whole Province, but it was still not recognized by the City of Montreal. They carried on with another case, making certain of favourable surroundings and as anticipated by the Association this case was lost. This case was then carried to the Court of Appeal and the Association got a favourable decision, with all judges on the panel in favour. The City of Montreal did not push this case any further, but went on with another case before the same judge and again the Association lost the decision. The Association took this case to the Court of Appeal. A different panel of judges heard the case. The Association got a favourable decision, two judges in favour and one dissenting. The City of Montreal has taken this case to the Supreme Court.

The Association is quite willing to go ahead with this case. With two favourable decisions from the Court of Appeal, they have a very strong case and one they want to be heard by the Supreme Court of Canada. Some comparisons were made between the two cases for the Supreme Court. The Montreal case was based on favourable conditions and they were going from

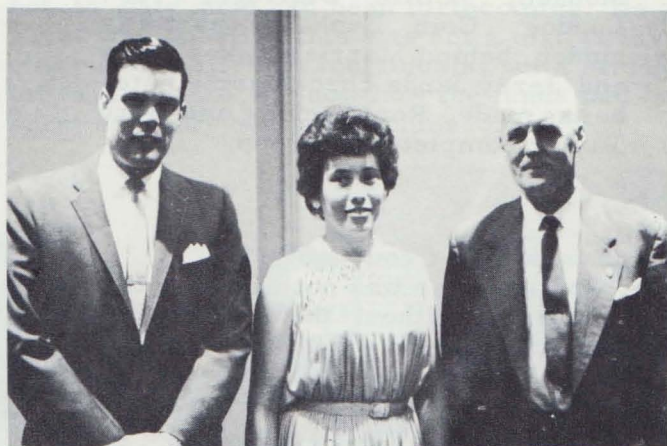
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Lawrence Diner B. A. LL. L who did such a big job for the Quebec Amusement Operators, explains a point to Harry Ing whose case is soon to come before the Supreme Court of Canada. Mr. Diner has Claude Plourde, president of the Quebec Association on his right and Don Gilboe on his left.

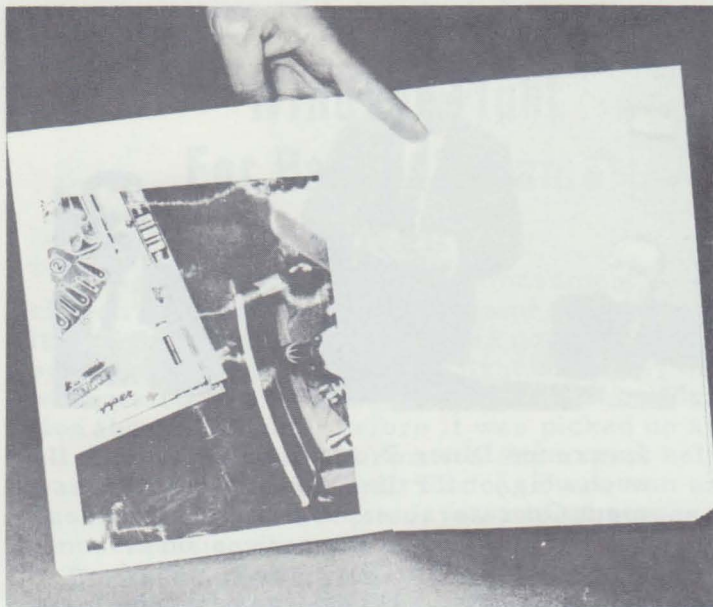


Herb Taylor of Taylor's One Stop, John Small, President of the Ontario Music Operators Association and George Offer of Decca Records pose for a snap shot.



George Nokes of Nokes Electronics, Lindsay, with his pretty wife Mary, pause in their chat with J. D. Van Gorder, President of the Northern Association, to smile for the Coin Box camera.





This is just an example of the context of the presentation the Quebec Association has prepared displaying the wiring of the pinball being questioned.



Lou Uryck of St. Thomas Coin & Sales, Morris Sniderman and Bruno Monaco, Cliffe Oldridge, Pres. London Coin Exchange (partially hidden behind Morris) makes notes and Jerry Janda checks some notes he has made. Ron Sutcliffe and Herb Taylor complete the group.

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strength to a higher court.

The Ontario case was not based on the same background and without the successful cases on which to build, it did not have the strength of the other.

In Quebec, the validity of five-balls is generally recognized. The attitude of the Government towards lotteries is generally known. All this tends toward a more reasonable outlook and better atmosphere in which the operator can work. The Quebec Association has been in existence for three years and it is now pretty strong. They achieved their success in the recognition of these units as games of skill, by using all

available information and help. Favourable cases from Alberta and elsewhere were used to advantage to establish the legality of the equipment. A lot of research and investigation was done and each case was thoroughly prepared ahead of time. Nothing was left to chance.

Mr. Diner then pointed out that the situation was no longer a local one. It had grown beyond the local area and would have to be handled as a national situation so that it could be sure of success in the Provincial and local areas. It is reasonably certain that any Court of Appeal would fully consider the Supreme Court decisions and of course, the Magistrate's Courts would take into consideration the decisions of both Upper Courts.

True, these lower Courts did not necessarily have to follow the Upper Court decisions, but there is little chance they would hand down decisions, which the Upper Courts would reverse in the light of other judgments rendered.

## Duplication of Efforts

There had been in the past, a great deal of duplication of effort by small groups scattered over the Country. Some of this work and effort had borne fruit, but a great deal had been to no effect. It was easy for the opposing forces to ignore or overcome small groups. Now it was time to band together to create a large force, which would carry the necessary weight to assure full consideration. This was now the case in Quebec where the Association was big enough and strong enough to command the recognition it deserved.

Mr. Diner pointed out that the interests and aims of the Ontario operators were the same as those of Quebec and he recommended that the two groups join hands to help each other, by passing on information and co-operating in any way possible. He said there would be many cases unknown and yet to come up for both groups. Meanwhile the Quebec Association was prepared to go to Court to fight any case on very short notice. They had a lot of information all readily available and the best approach was fairly well established for a number of different conditions. They had built up a lot of knowledge and would be happy to work with the Ontario operators as a team, helping in a common interest and minimizing duplication of work and records. He said it was now time to think of the Amusement Industry not the Quebec operators or the Ontario operators.

## These Are Games Of Skill

One point he emphasized had been made quite clear in Quebec, was that these games were games of skill and involved no more chance than golf, or bowling, or any other such form of amusement. Here as in the other games, the human factor alone limited the degree of perfection achieved. It alone was the unpredictable





Bill Becket and Dan Belliar of Sarnia right foreground, with George & Mary Nokes behind them while over on the left are Frank Hepperle and Ron Sutcliffe, Bob Orr, John Small and Herb Taylor, Gunther Homan, Joe Mailloux (behind Bob Orr) Pete Sacco and George Offer of Decca Records. Two others unidentified at the back. Directly behind Bill Becket is Gerard Chevrier and behind Gerard his father Gene Chevrier, one of this best known men in the business.

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element.

At this point, Mr. Van Gorder wanted to know if the plan was to have Section 170 amended --- to which Mr. Diner replied, this would be a desirable outcome and that there should be a two pronged attack, 1st through the Supreme Court and 2nd through the Amendment of Section 170, to get the best results. As he pointed out, the Supreme Court decision will be on record, but in time, say five or ten years, who knows how many of the people involved in the overall situation will recall the decision, or be fully aware of the application of the law. How many will form new opinions and possibly start the whole mess over again.

## Northern Ontario Association

Don Gilboe thanked Mr. Diner for the information he had given them. He said it would be of great assistance and he spoke for all the operators when he said how lucky they were to have such good friends and allies in the Quebec Operators Association. He then asked Mr. Van Gorder, President of the Northern Ontario Association if he had any comments to make or message to bring.

President Van said that he brought the well wishes of all the members of his Association and the assurance that they too realized the importance of the situation and the need for strong action. Many of the members, including Hugo Giovanetti, of Sault Ste. Marie, Mike Turano of Sudbury and Pete Palangio of North Bay had all wished they could be at the meeting in person. He said that one of the points which was repeatedly brought up, during any discussion of the joining of all Ontario operators into one group, was the matter of finances. It was very clear that a financial statement from the Southern Ontario Association was absolutely necessary to let them know what had been done with the money collected. Van said that on numerous occasions in the past, such a financial statement had been sought by the Amusement Operators but to date none had been forthcoming. He assured the meeting this was not a matter involving personalities, or individuals, but a straightforward desire to know how the funds had been spent and what had been achieved.







Harry Ing, Standard Novelty of Morrisburg who is leading the fight for justice and fairplay in Ontario with Pete Sacco of Niagara Falls and Frank Hepperle, Trent Valley Novelty.

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Don Gilboe said that as Treasurer, he had a prepared statement on hand and it was his intention to present the information to the members at the meeting. He said that since he had been responsible as Treasurer, for the period from 1960 to the present, he had on record the raising of approximately ten thousand dollars, which was a little better than two thousand dollars per year. All of this money could be accounted for and was properly recorded. At this point Gene Chevrier interjected the remarks that the problem of finances and the unaccounted for sums, which caused most of the questions and whatever friction existed, was a matter of record before Don Gilboe's time and therefore his financial statement would not clear up the matter. As Gene pointed out, these were old situations being reopened and since they were before Don's time it was unlikely he would have the answers wanted.

At this point Lou Uryck said that he thought the matter was one which should be discussed at some other time. He reminded the meeting that at the outset it had been agreed that the meeting would be to discuss the problems facing the operators and not to waste time re-hashing old problems and looking back. He therefore made a motion, which was seconded by Cliffe Oldridge and duly passed, that the financial statement on hand be passed on to Mr. Van Gorder to be made available to the members of the Northern Association and that the matter be closed.

To get back on the track, Morris Sniderman commented on the work done by the Quebec Association and suggested that it would be to the advantage of the Ontario Operators to work with Quebec, to get behind them in their fight and give them everything Ontario had, which might be of benefit. He said that it was evident they had an excellent chance of winning and that Ontario had a great deal to gain by working with them. He recommended that the Harry Ing appeal to the Supreme Court be laid over but not aban-

doned.

Mr. Diner was asked for comments on the advantages or possibilities of obtaining injunctions to permit the operation of pin ball games until the case was heard. He said that injunction proceedings were very expensive and the Quebec Association had decided against. They only went before the Civil Courts when necessary and could see no advantage in changing this approach. He said they were taking counter action against the seizure of equipment by the police and in many cases this was very successful. He said they were using publicity wherever possible to help their cases and that an intensified publicity campaign would eventually be used as a very effective weapon. With the approaching World Fair in Montreal and other factors, political and otherwise, publicity could be more effective than usual.

## Ontario Association Should Join Quebec Association

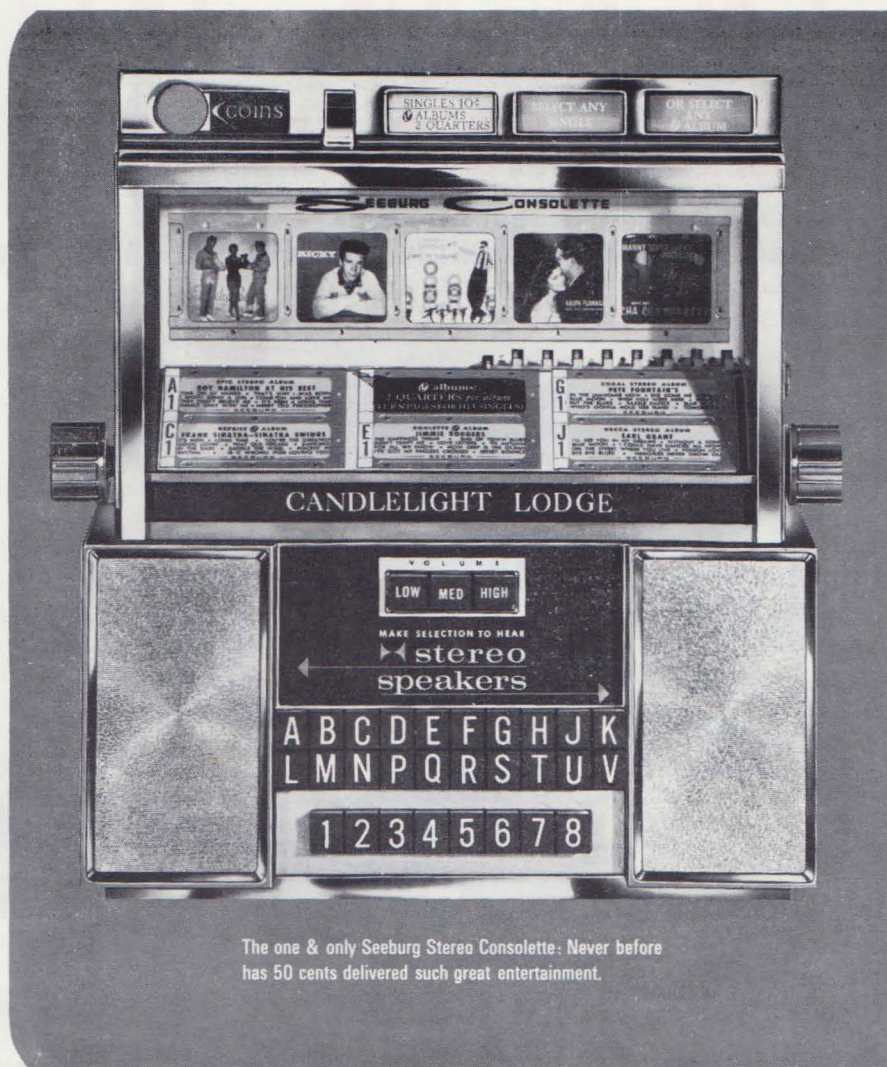
Gerard Chevrier said that he was strongly in favour of joining Quebec in their efforts. They were a winning team and they had come a long way. He thought that the most sensible approach at this time would be to join Quebec and help them with their case which was before the Supreme Court. After this one was won, then the Ontario case could be handled with more possibility of obtaining a favourable Supreme Court decision.

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His comments were well received by the meeting. In answer to a question on the membership in Quebec and the fees charged, Mr. Diner explained that they had held fund raising meetings and had received cheques for good amounts from the operators. He said they now had a former operator on a full time basis as an employee of the Association and it would be his responsibility to call on the operators to keep them informed of the latest news and to collect from them fees and attend to any other matters which might come up. He pointed out that all the outside areas in the Province had gained from the work done around Quebec City and Montreal and that they would be brought into the Association as soon as possible.

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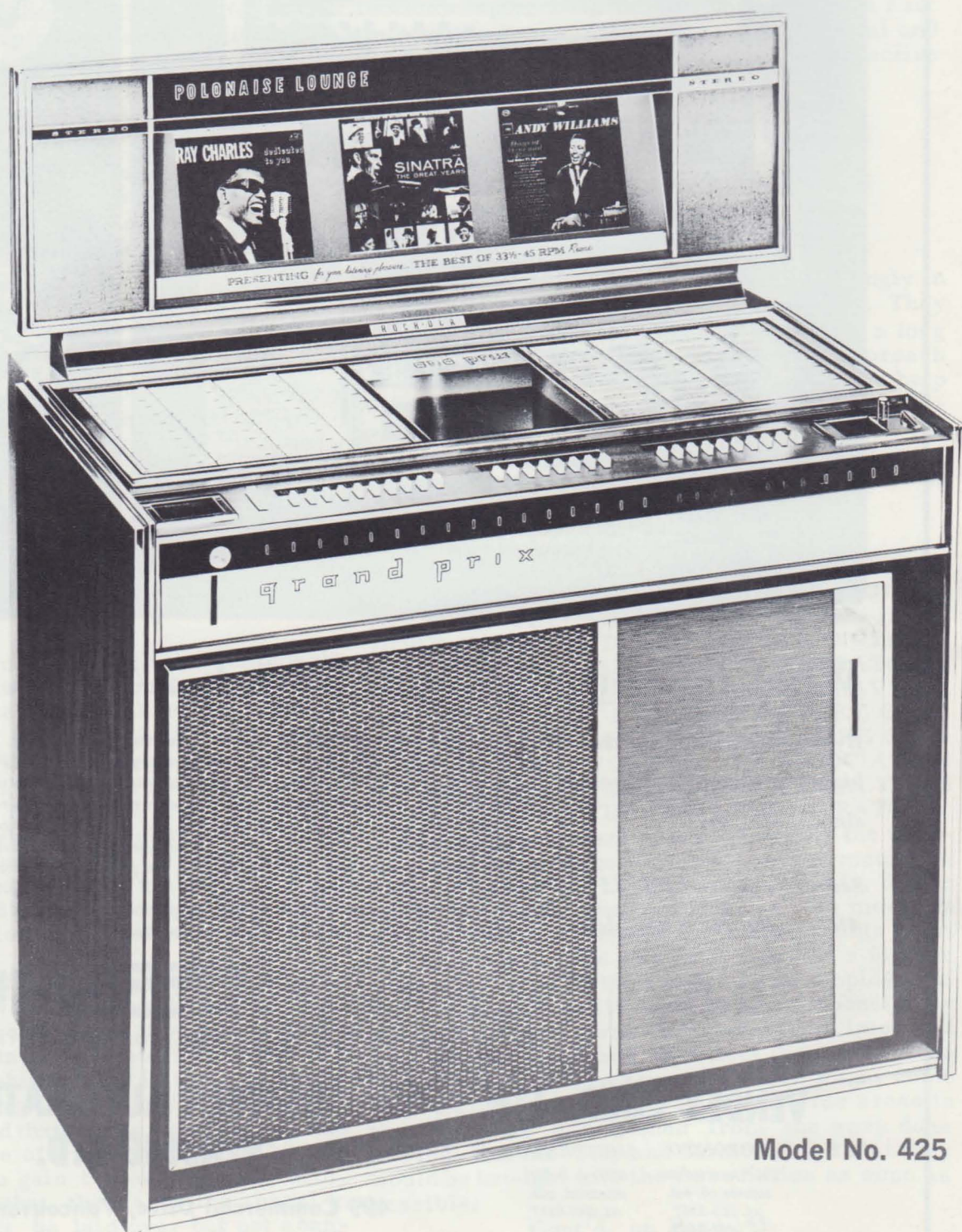
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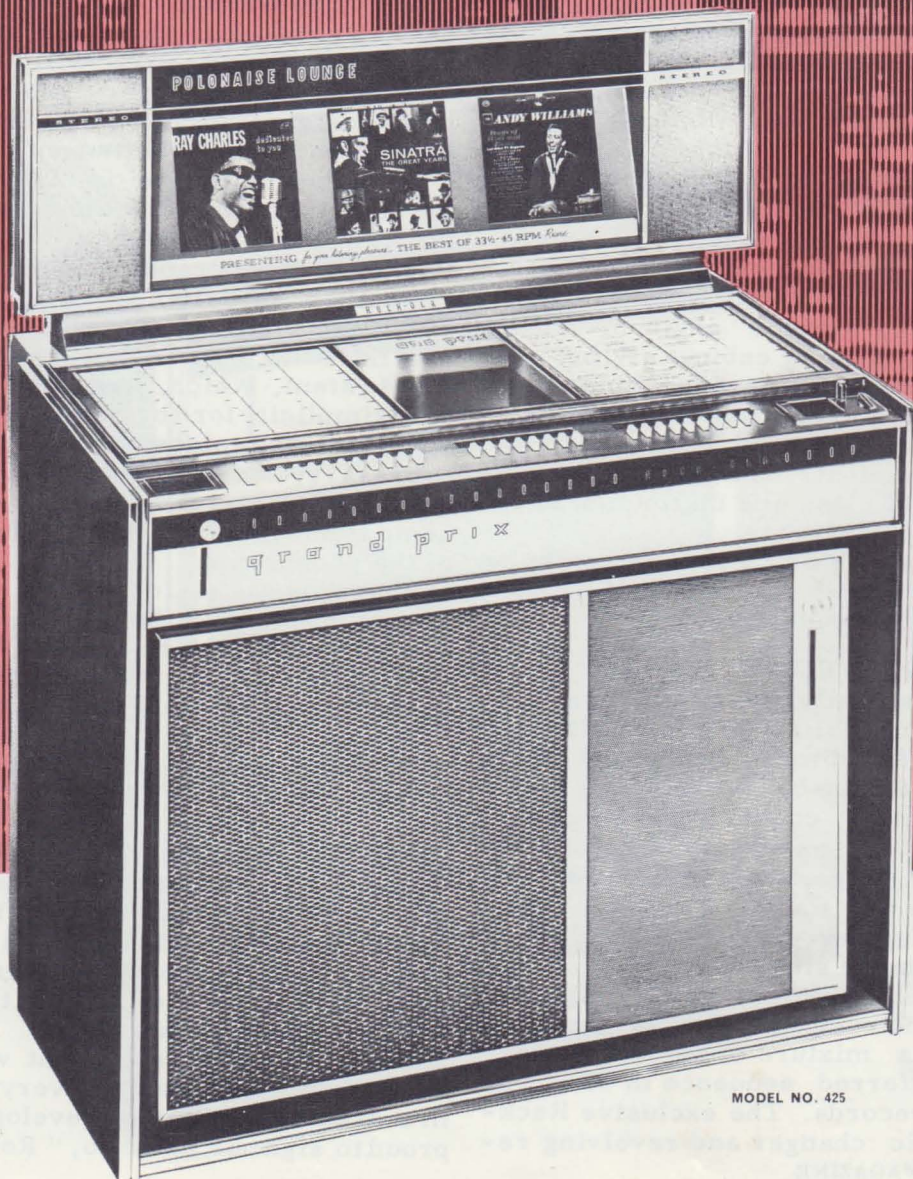
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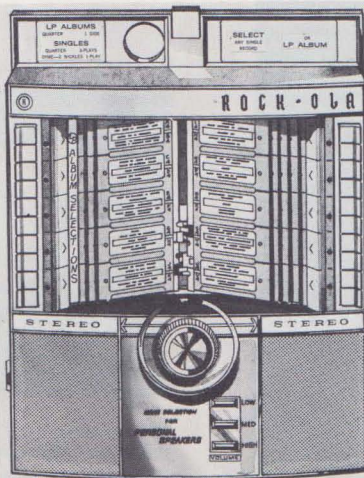
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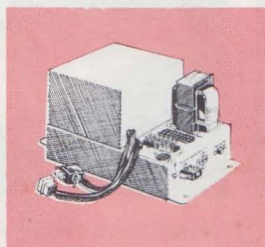
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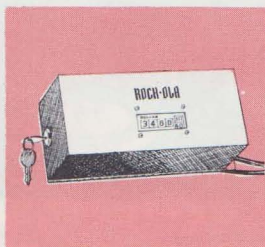


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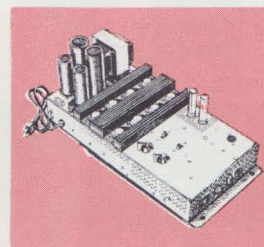
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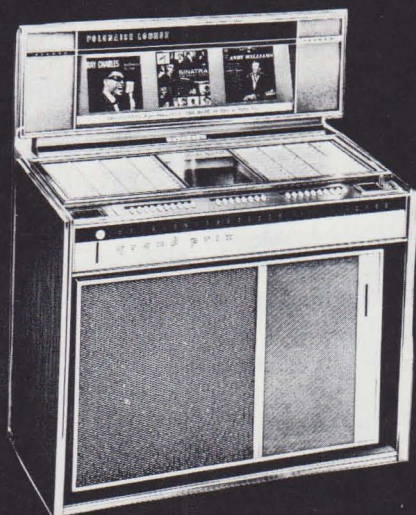
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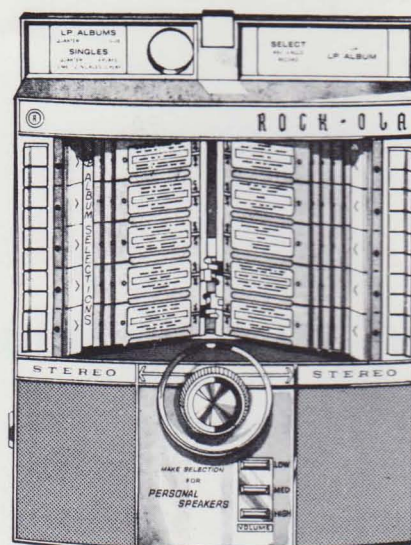
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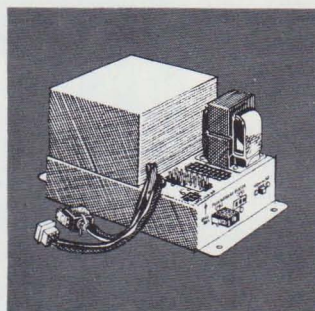
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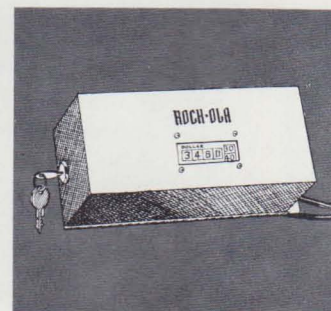


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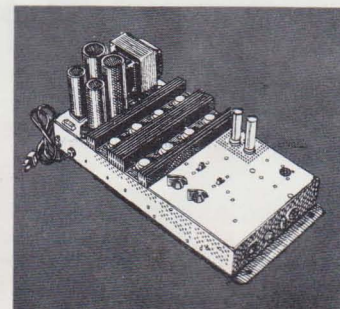
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Below are some random picture shots of the convention.

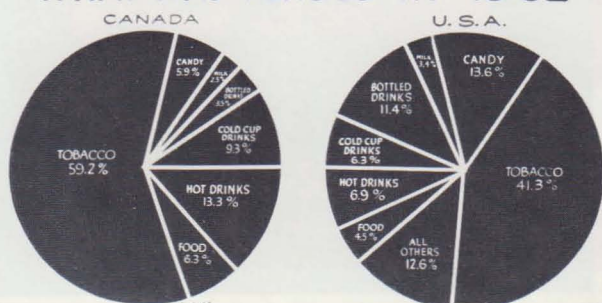


Mr. Doug Parnell, out-going president of C. A. M. A. and Mr. Don Munroe, Convention Chairman, open the convention by the cutting of red ribbon on the Dollar Bill Changer.

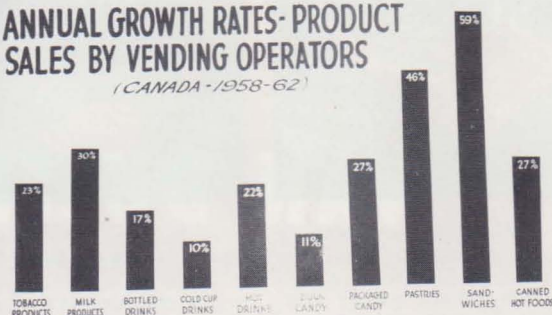


A view of the part of the interested attendance at the Annual Banquet at which Mr. Dick Schreiber Editor of the United States Vend Magazine spoke.

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## New Executive To Be Chosen

At this point a discussion arose regarding the plans for the Ontario Operators. Should the Association carry on as presently set up? Should a new Association be formed at this time? Should they join Quebec or work with Quebec? Would the operators show the usual lack of interest until they themselves were hurt or would they realize that they must be members for their own protection? To get positive action, Joe Mailloux made a motion that a nominating committee of three to represent the different areas of the Province be formed to draw up a slate of officers for election at the next meeting. This was duly passed and the nominations resulted in Don Gilboe being elected as the representative for Windsor and the southwest, Charlie Kirke as the representative for the Central area and J. D. Van Gorder was elected as the third representative. These men were to prepare a slate of officers for election at the next meeting, which with nominations from the floor would assure a good executive for the Association during the critical period ahead.

At this point, the meeting was adjourned and Don asked those who intended to give or pledge help to make the necessary arrangements at the table. He thanked all those who took the trouble and showed their interest by attending. He expressed his satisfaction with the meeting and the results obtained and as he said there was every indication that at last the operators had

accepted the fact that, without unity and co-operation they had no hope of survival. He thanked Mrs George Nokes for coming with her husband and expressed the thoughts of many there, when he said that it was a pleasure to have the ladies present and that possibly Mary Nokes had established a precedent, which should be followed for other such meetings. Many of the members expressed their approval of the way Don Gilboe had handled the meeting and voiced the opinion it was the best they had had in a long time.

As the group were milling around picking up papers, pledging assistance and talking over the various points raised, they were invited by Gunther Homan to retire to the Hospitality Suite, which Vendex Corporation had established in the hotel for the operators. Here there was a more relaxed and convivial atmosphere and many of the points of interest were generally discussed and a better understanding reached on some. Here, the discussions could involve a number of subjects at one time by small groups and some were able to express thoughts they had not brought out at the meeting. Also the operators were able to discuss things more intimately with Lawrence Diner and Claude Plourde which gave some a better understanding of just what had been done in Quebec.

Gunther Homan and his staff did an excellent job as hosts and I am sure the boys cleared up many things after the writer left the meeting which by this time had gone on for over four hours.

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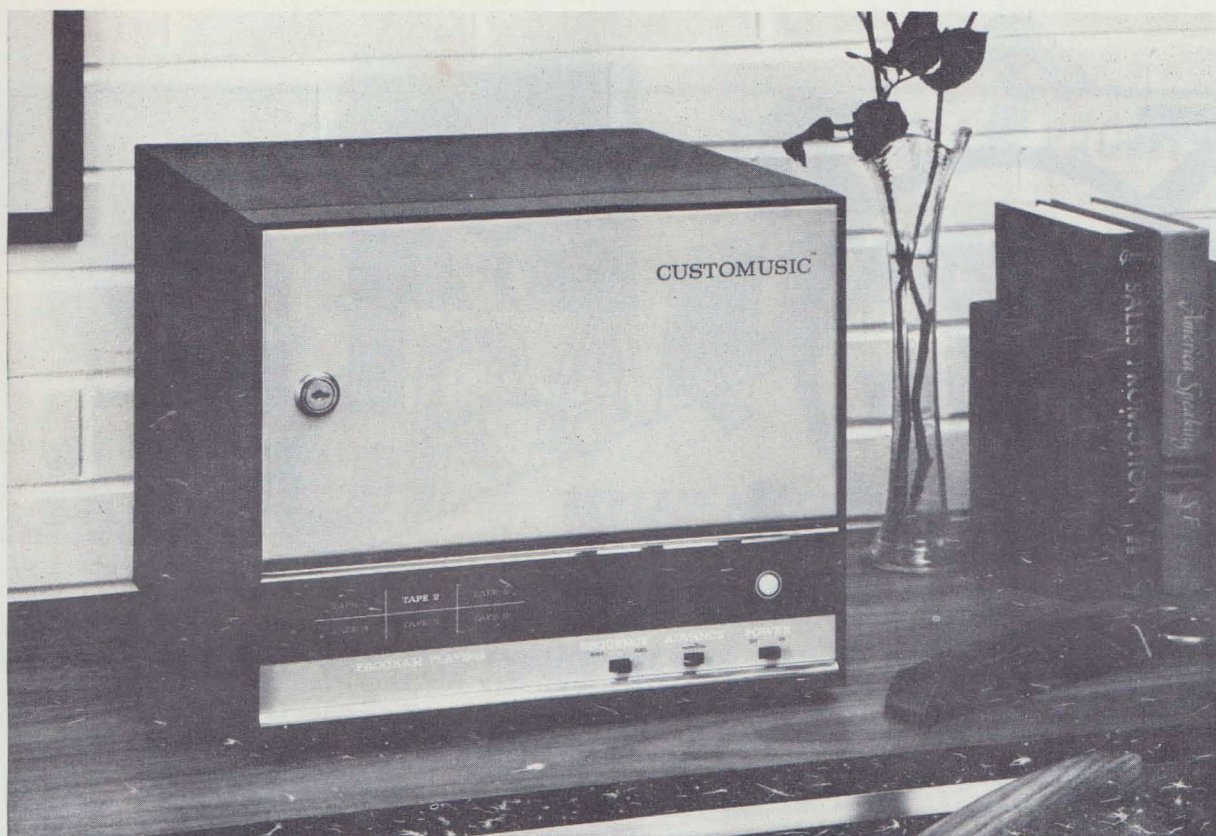
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The presentation for Supreme Court action by Quebec Association.

BY CHARLIE KIRKE

Hello -- Hello -- Hello --- Well I've been in so many crowded spots lately that I can't say just hello anymore. Every operator is up to full staff with everybody hurrying and scurrying about. We had the Vending Show here and it was nice to see a lot of the boys in town for that. It seems that Cigarette Vending ties in nicely with the Music business, and as most of the boys have the trucks and mechanics. Anyhow, the extra return has very little added expense. As well as being able to give your customer a well rounded service for those who are more interested in Vending will find the show very well covered in the Canadian Vending Magazine. So, I won't take up anymore of your time with rehashing, but get right to our meeting, which was held at the King Edward Hotel, May 10th, for the Ontario Amusement Association. We were very privileged to have Mr. Plourde, President of the Quebec Assoc. and their solicitor Mr. Diner. They told us of the work and organization that they have there, and most of those present, could see how far lacking our set up has been here. But, I also feel that it gives some hope as to what can be done. Don Gilboe opened the meeting at 2:30 and gave a brief run down on what has been done in Ontario this far. With regards to winning the Baseball Case and then on to the London case, which Lou Uryck outlined. From here, the general conversation was about getting section 170 changed. The suggestion that our association go along with Quebec, was brought up before too long and they decided to form an association, so a nominating committee was elected.



Lionel Hampton.



John Small and Cigar Smoking Toni.

Don Gilboe will be the nominating committee member for the western portion of Ontario, from West of Hamilton to Windsor.

Mr. Van Gorden from Barrie, will be the committee member for the north and I will be the member for the Peninsula and east.

So, let's hear those beefs and also your choice for President, Vice and Sec. Treasurer. Pick out the men you feel will do the job the way it should be done, those who are interested in the good of the Industry. Let's hear from you now.

Well, after the meeting, we were invited up to Vendex Hospitality Suite, where the meeting was rehashed. One thing that was very apparent --- everybody was very satisfied with the progress of the day. One thing I would like to say, before I leave the meeting bit, and that is, it was a pleasure to see George Offer of Apex Records there. George has always been a supporter of the operators in time of need. Or just a good guy to get advice on money making records anytime. I guess George is the only original distributor left and I know that as in the past 23 years is only too glad to be of assistance to the boys, I remember when I first started and was not able to look over the top of the counter, George was always there to see that you bought the right records, often referring you to his competition if he thought their record was better.

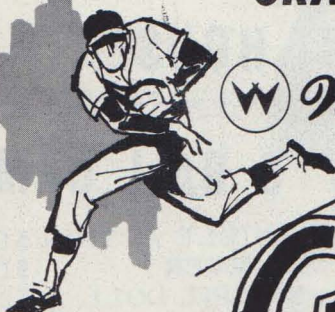
On behalf of all the operators, thanks George.

Up at the Vendex suite the boys had the pleasure of meeting a tall beautiful cigar smoking blonde by the name of Toni Stoneham. Welcome to the club, Toni! While we are talking about nice people I had the pleasure of meeting Lionel Hampton while he was here in Toronto, playing at the Friars. And this is one real nice guy. I would like to take more time to tell you about how a Nun taught him to play drums at 14 years old. How he went on to play for Louis Armstrong at 16. But before this issue looks like a telephone book, I had better just say this guy gives out with some of the finest Jazz and do yourself a favour, try his Midnight Sun, it has just been recut and will make you a lot of money, because you can leave it on your machines forever. Like Hamp, it just goes on making music and money.

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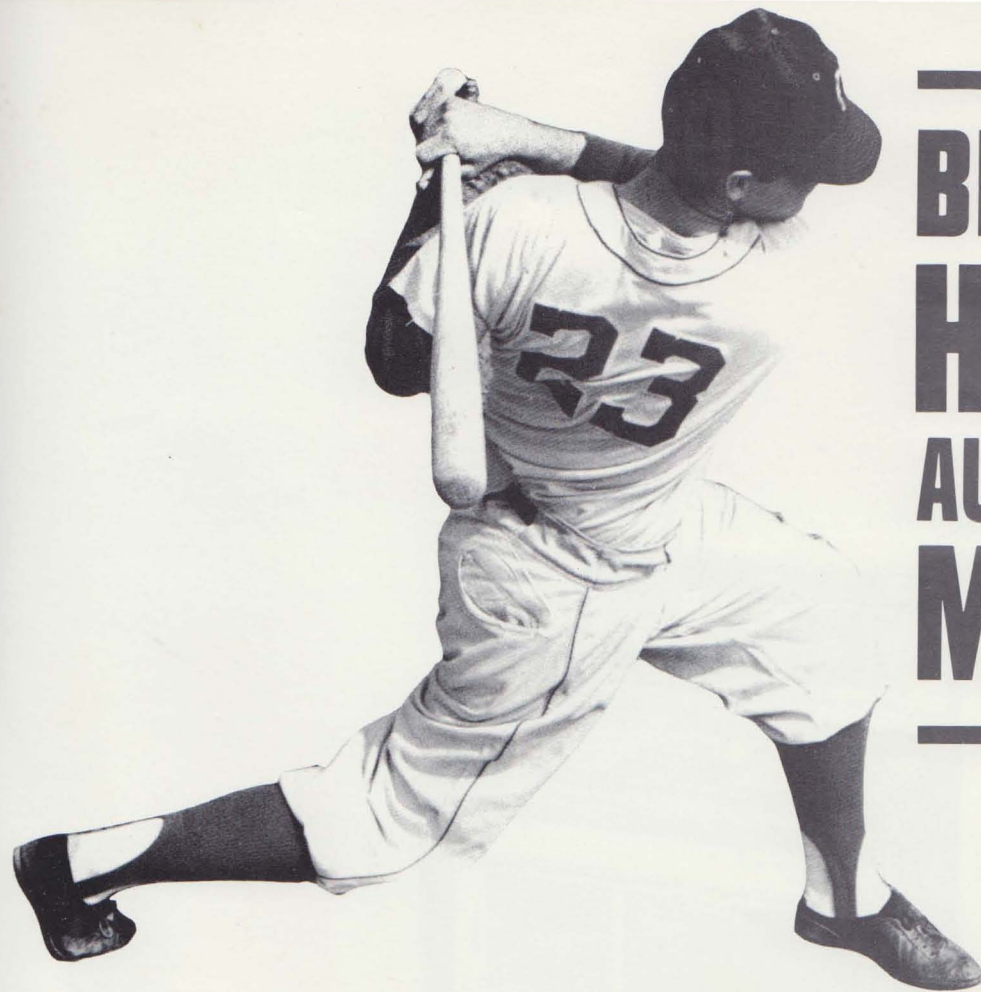
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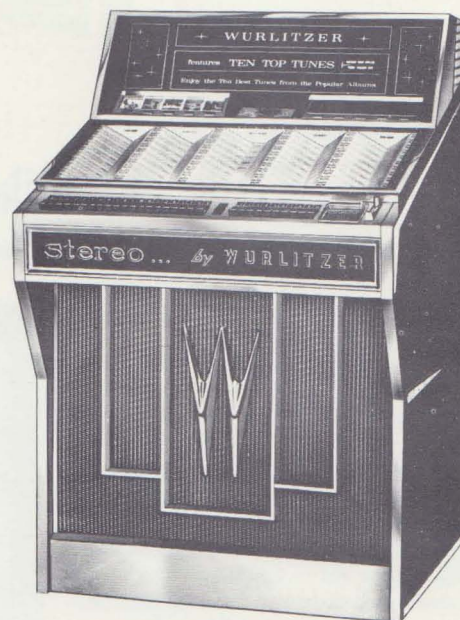
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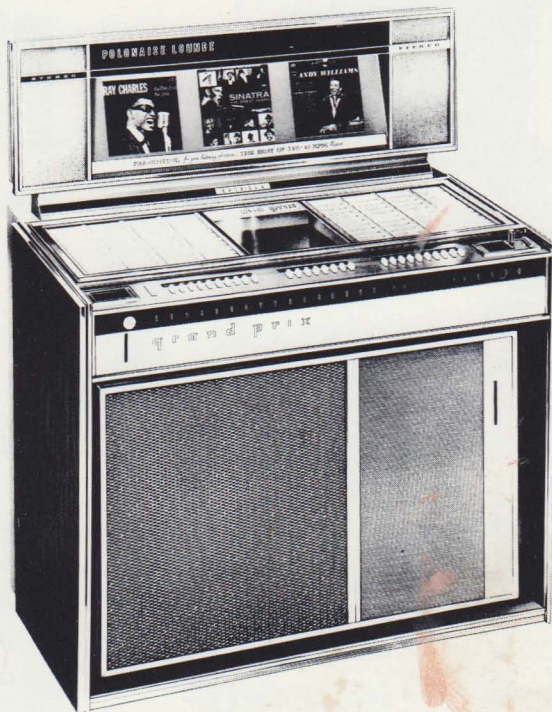


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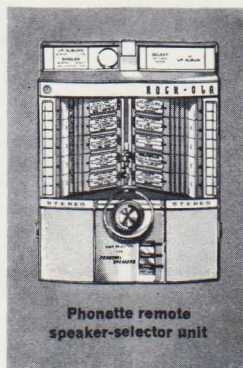
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